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SUBJECT:FAA ORDER TO STOP COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS; PAA FLIGHTS

WHITE HOUSE PASS ALM SPRINGS FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

REF: SAIGON 430U AND 4324

1. ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL SPOKE TO ACTING FAA ADMINISTRATOR RUDOLPH THIS MORNING AND HAS FORWARDED A FORMAL MEMORANDUM REQUESTING THE FAA TO RESCIND THE ORDER MENTIONED REFTEL. RUDOLPH HAS AGREED TO RESCIND THE ORDER, AT LEAST AT PRESENT. WE ARE INFORMED THAT HE HAS ALREADY INFORMED HIS PEOPLE OF HIS ACTION.

2. WE HAVE ASSURED THE FAA THAT WE WILL INFORM THEM OF ANY CHANGE IN CONDITIONS THAT WOULD AFFECT THE SAFETY OF COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS. ACCORDINGLY, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO
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INFORM THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY OF ANY INFORMATION IN

THIS REGARD THAT WE SHOULD PASS ON TO THE FAA.

3. THE ACTING SECRETARY HAS ALSO SPOKEN TO WILLIAM SEAWELL, PANAM CHAIRMAN AND INFORMED HIM THAT THE FAA ORDER WILL BE RESCINDED AT THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST. THE ACTING SECRETARY ALSO ASKED SEAWELL TO CONSIDER INCREASING PANAM FLIGHTS TO SAIGON TO A DAILY BASIS. SEAWELL SAID THAT PANAM WOULD WORK ON THIS EXPEDITIOUSLY AND CONSULT

WITH THE DEPARTMENT IF PROBLEMS IN ARRANGING THE INCREASE ARISE. INGERSOLL

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